Pending irrigation projects

1664. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of pending irrigation projects with his Ministry as on date; and

(b) the details of each such proposal projects indicating the latest status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Andhra Pradesh Water Resources Regulatory Commission Bill, 2009

1665. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware about the passing of Andhra Pradesh Water Resources Regulatory Commission Bill, 2009 in August, 2009 in Andhra Pradesh Assembly which gives control of water resources in Andhra Pradesh to private bodies and thereby reducing water as a 'commodity';

(b) whether it would not lead to monopoly and control on water by a few selected companies thereby create problems for poor, small and marginal farmers;

(c) if so, whether his Ministry has thought of advising Government of Andhra Pradesh to withdraw the above Bill which is against the interest of the people;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) Government of Andhra Pradesh has enacted Andhra Pradesh Water Resources Regulatory Commission Act (Act 15 of 2009) and published in the gazette on 9.9.2009. The Act does not give control to water bodies to private persons and also does not reduce the water to a "commodity".

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Sports infrastructure for North-East Region

1666. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sports infrastructure being created and institutions being established in the North East Region for promotion of sports under the 10 per cent budgetary provision; and

(b) specific plan, if any, taken up for execution during Eleventh plan period under 10 percent budgetary provision for promotion of sports of the region?